

HB 1083 -- PSYCHOLOGIST ACCREDITATION

SPONSOR: Leara

COMMITTEE ACTIONS: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues in Education by a vote of 8 to 2. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Education by a vote 7 to 2.

This bill provides that a doctoral degree in psychology from a program accredited, or provisionally accredited, by the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System is acceptable to meet various requirements for licensure as a psychologist.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill adds flexibility for students training to be licensed psychologists.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Leara; Dr. Timothy J. Trull; Thomas Oltmanns; Juliette Iacovino; and Ann M. Steffen.

OPPONENTS: Those opposing the bill say it is important that licensed psychologists have graduated from programs that ensure they will be giving patients the best care.

Testifying against the bill was the Missouri Psychological Association and Dr. Paul Korte.